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COUNTRY: CHILE

SUBJECT: REACTION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN PRESS ARTICLES ON THE DEATH OR DISAPPEARANCE OF CHILEAN EXTREMISTS; SPECULATION OF MODERATE LEFTIST LEADERS AS TO THE SOURCE OF THE ARTICLES.

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1. DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JULY, [redacted] SAID THAT [redacted] INSTRUCTIONS FROM POPE PAUL TO TAKE EVERY APPROPRIATE STEP TO INVESTIGATE THE RECENT ARGENTINE AND BRAZILIAN PRESS ARTICLES ON THE DEATHS OR DISAPPEARANCE OF A LARGE NUMBER (119) OF CHILEAN EXTREMISTS, ALLEGEDLY OUTSIDE OF CHILE. [redacted] SAID THAT THE PRESS

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ARTICLES HAVE SPURRED INTERNATIONAL INTEREST ONCE AGAIN IN THE QUESTION OF DEATHS POSSIBLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT.

3.3(b)(1) 2. POPE PAUL HAS INSTRUCTED THE CHURCH WORLD-WIDE TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO LEARN THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER.

3.3(b)(1) THE EFFORT BY THE CHURCH IN CHILE WILL BE CHANNELED THROUGH THE PAPAL NUNCIO, WHO IN TURN WILL WORK WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. COMMENT: 3.5(c)
SEE SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAMS 5115 OF 23 JULY, 5185 OF 25 JULY AND 5190 OF 25 JULY FOR DETAILS OF THE DEATH LISTS PUBLISHED IN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT OVER 100 OF THE PERSONS CITED WERE INCLUDED ON A LIST OF 166 "DISAPPEARED" PERSONS, WHICH THE CHILEAN INTER-DENOMINATIONAL PEACE COMMITTEE HAD PRESENTED TO THE SUPREME COURT IN MAY 1975 IN AN APPEAL FOR A GENERAL INVESTIGATION SINCE MOST HAD BEEN THE SUBJECTS OF HABEAS CORPUS REQUESTS.)

3.5(c) 3. OPINED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE EXTREMISTS LISTED AS DEAD IN THE ARTICLES HAD PROBABLY BEEN HELD BY AIR FORCE SECURITY ELEMENTS. HE SAID HE BASED HIS JUDGEMENT

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3.3(b)(1) ON [redacted] WHO WERE WORKING AT THAT TIME AGAINST THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR). ACCORDING TO [redacted] 3.3(b)(1) THAT IF A TRUCE COULD NOT BE ARRANGED WITH THE MIR, THEN THE MIR WOULD BE EXTERMINATED. [redacted] 3.3(b)(1) SAID THAT, IN ADDITION, THE INFORMATION HE HAS ABOUT THE LISTS OF DEAD INDICATES THAT MANY WERE REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IN OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1974, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WAS INVOLVED IN AN ALL-OUT OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE MIR FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF MIR SECRETARY GENERAL MIGUEL E N R I Q U E Z.

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3.3(b)(1) 4. WITH REGARD TO THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF THE PRESS ARTICLES, [redacted] IN CHILE SPECULATE THAT THE INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO THE PRESS BY EITHER THE MIR OR THE UNITED NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (UNHRC) WHICH

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WAS RECENTLY REFUSED ENTRY INTO CHILE, OR EVEN BY MEMBERS OF THE PEACE COMMITTEE ITSELF, IN AN EFFORT TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE JUNTA GOVERNMENT TO DISCLOSE THE DESTINY OF THE MISSING PERSONS. AS BASIS FOR THEIR SPECULATION, [redacted]

3.3(b)(1) [redacted] POINTED TO THE FACT THAT PRIOR TO CANCELLATION OF THE UNHRC VISIT, FAMILY MEMBERS OF ALL THE MISSING PERSONS HAD INDICATED TO THE PEACE COMMITTEE THEIR DESIRE TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE UNHRC.

3.3(b)(1) 5. [redacted] DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLANTED THE STORY, ON THE BASIS THAT IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO PLANT INFORMATION WHICH WAS INHERENTLY DETRIMENTAL TO THE GOVERNMENT. [redacted] 3.3(b)(1)

COMMENT: SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAM 5190 REPORTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PEACE COMMITTEE SPECULATED THAT WITH THE IMPENDING UNHRC VISIT, THE SECURITY FORCES MAY HAVE FELT PRESSURED TO ACCOUNT SOMEHOW FOR THE 166 MISSING PERSONS WHO WERE BELIEVED TO BE IN GOVERNMENT HANDS. WITH REGARD TO THIS LATTER THEORY, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE UNHRC VISIT WAS CANCELLED ON 4 JULY AND THE FIRST PRESS ARTICLE DID NOT APPEAR UNTIL 22 JULY.)

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